State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

They were just a bunch of friends, trying to cool off on a hot July day by swimming and diving in the Vermillion River. The unexpected occurred when Terry Rist failed to return to the surface after a dive from the bridge.

Lee Peterson and two other friends quickly realized that something was wrong and went into the murky water to look for Terry. They found him drifting with the current along the bottom of the river and brought him to the surface. Sensing something was desperately wrong, they did not try to move him. Instead, they chose to brace his neck and float his body in the water until the ambulance could arrive with help and proper care.

Lee and his friends' immediate response, without question, saved the life of their friend. Terry now has a long road to recovery, but thanks to his friends, he has the opportunity to travel it.

Lee's quick thinking and strong swimming ability provided the crucial difference between life and death for a fellow human being. His lifesaving endeavor on that July day sets an example for all South Dakotans to respect and emulate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

LEE PETERSON

and I join with Lee's family and friends in saluting him for his intelligence and lifesaving skill in this emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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